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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Briefing by the Secretary-General

Other matters

Morning[1] . . . . . 5308th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Morning[2] . . . . . 5309th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 5308th meeting.

General Assembly
Sixtieth session

The 54th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 9).

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General Assembly

Sixtieth session

10 a.m. . . . . 53rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/60/553) [112 (c)]
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   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/60/543)
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7. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-seventh session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/516) . . . . . [80]
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Main Committees

Second Committee

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1. Information and communication technologies for development (A/60/323) . . . . [49]

   Action on draft proposal

2. Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [56]

   (a) Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.37 and A/C.2/60/L.41

   (b) Women and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.43

   (c) Human resources development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.40

3. Training and research . . . . . [58]

   (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.39

   (b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.42

4. Towards global partnerships . . . . . [59]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.38

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 47th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [69]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.63/Rev.1

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [71 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/60/L.31, A/C.3/60/L.36, A/C.3/60/L.43, A/C.3/60/L.44/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto contained in A/C.3/60/L.73), A/C.3/60/L.55 and A/C.3/60/L.57/Rev.1

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . [71 (c)]

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4. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [116]

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5. Completion of the work of the Third Committee

3–6 p.m. 48th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

(Continuation of the programme from the 47th meeting of the Third Committee)

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Financing of the United Nations Observation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/60/389, A/59/657 and A/60/536))

Sixth Committee

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 108 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session on liabilities and proposed funding for after-service health benefits

2. Executive session on the Outcome Document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly of September 2005 submitted by the President of the General Assembly

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 73 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and sub-items (a), (d) and (e)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 73, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), on the draft resolution entitled "Globalization and interdependence", under agenda item 54 (a) (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from *9 to 11.30 a.m.* in Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), on the draft resolution on the Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21, and the outcomes of the World Summit for Sustainable Development, under agenda item 52 (a), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan) on item 55 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados) on the draft resolution on International trade and development under agenda item 50 (a) (Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 11.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ana Cristina Rodríguez (Guatemala), on the draft resolution on sustainable mountain development under agenda item 52 (e) (Sustainable development in mountain regions), will be *today*, 23 November 2005, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (h) (United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Martin Meisel (Austria) on item 54 (b) (Science and technology for development), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolutions on agenda item 52 (g) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco), on the draft resolution on the least developed countries, under agenda item 55 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the least developed countries), will be held *today*, 23 November, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), on the draft resolution on agenda item 59 (Towards global partnerships) will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mrs. Ewa Anzorge (Poland), on agenda item 57 (b) (South-South cooperation: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on item 51 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Philippe Leglise-Costa (France), on the draft resolution under agenda item 52 (f) (Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (c) (International Migration and development), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Jennifer Feller (Mexico), on the draft resolution on women in development under agenda item 56 (b), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session, under agenda item 52 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 23 November 2005, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Wednesday, 23 November 2005

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", under agenda item 73 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 73 (a) (convened by the delegation of India)

1.15–2.30.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa", under agenda item 47 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Remittances", under agenda item 54 (c) (convened by the delegation of Brazil, on behalf of a group of countries)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 23 November 2005

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on Convention on Biological Diversity; desertification; sustainable development in mountain regions; small island development States; and other draft resolutions, as necessary)

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on trade)

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on South-South cooperation)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international migration and development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee)

9.15–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Non-Aligned Movement (on the Peacebuilding Commission)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal meeting for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations with the Group of Legal Experts to advise on the accountability of United Nations staff and experts on mission with respect to criminal acts committed in peacekeeping operations (organized by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Today, 23 November 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Peacekeeping Best Practices Section, DPKO (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; or e-mail profos@un.org).]

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Today, 23 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 23 November 2005

Room S-226

Guest at noon . . . . . Mr. Antonio María Costa, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (to launch the "Afghan Opium Survey")

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 28 November 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

10 a.m. 54th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea; Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments [75 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*:

   (a) Oceans and the law of the sea:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/60/63, A/60/63/Add.1, A/60/63/Add.2 and A/60/91)

      (ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its sixth meeting (A/60/99)

      (iii) Draft resolution (A/60/L.22)[1]

   (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/189)

      (ii) Drat resolution (A/60/L.23)[1]

2. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [17 and 73 (e)]: *joint debate*:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/224)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/60/L.27)

3. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolutions (A/60/L.21 and A/60/L.24) [41]

4. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/60/L.26) [120]

[1] To be issued.

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS), chaired by H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett

(Barbados) and H.E. Mrs. Laxanachantorn Laohaphan (Thailand), will be held on *Tuesday, 29 November 2005*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, instead of *today*, 23 November 2005, as previously announced.

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held on Monday, 28 November and Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Catherine Brown (Canada), on the draft resolution on human resources development, under agenda item 56 (c), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), under agenda item 58 (a), and informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), on the draft resolution on the United Nations Staff College in Turin, under agenda item 58 (b), will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Yoshiaki Ito (Japan), on the draft resolution under agenda item 56 (a) (Eradication of Poverty), will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[*Note:* Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal "informal" consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

Relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation is available on the Web site of the Third Committee at the following address: www.un.org/ga/60/third.

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Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 25 November 2005, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The 23rd meeting of the Sixth Committee will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 3.30 p.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Solemn meeting

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from *11 a.m. to 1 p.m.* on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. Representatives of all Permanent and Observer Missions and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350; or by fax (1 (212) 963-4199).

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
First meeting

The first meeting of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 5 to 9 December 2005 in Conference Room XVI, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. Notices in this regard were sent to all Member States Missions on 17 October 2005. Delegations are kindly reminded to forward the information concerning the meeting of the Committee to the appropriate national agency. For further information, please contact Mr. Jan Kregel, (tel. 1 (917) 367-3546); or Mr. Masakatsu Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695), at the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
Informal consultation

A joint informal consultation on Atlas will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the African Group draft resolution on the assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Nigeria)

Friday, 25 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group (experts on candidatures)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations of States on the preparations for the 2006 United Nations conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs)

Monday, 28 November 2005, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Round table on "Kosovo" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[The round table will be a closed meeting. For further information, please call Ms. Connie Robinson, International Crisis Group (tel. 1 (212) 813-0820; e-mail crobinson@crisisgroup.org).]

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Briefings/informal exchanges of views between the Bureau of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and delegations from the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and the JUSCANZ Group (organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests)

Group of 77 and China:

Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

European Union:
Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

JUSCANZ Group
Friday, 2 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Latin American and Caribbean States Group (GRULAC) (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

United Nations Development Programme

Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber: second informal briefing on the *Arab Human Development Report 2005* and the new Arab States regional programme.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Round table on "Tajikistan's MDG-based National Development Strategy" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, with the support of the United Nations Millennium Project)

Monday, 12 December 2005, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nima Tabloei, United Nations Millennium Project (tel. 1 (212) 906-6009; e-mail nima.tabloei@unmillenniumproject.org).]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixtieth session of the General

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent, by Thursday, 8 December 2005, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377; room S-3460D or S-3420A).

Preparations for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February–10 March 2006), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work; and (b) Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and curricula vitae which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate on the theme. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Wednesday, 7 December 2005.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 3 November 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 22 November 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

46th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [71 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.32

The Secretary read out an oral statement of financial implications on the draft resolution and announced that the Marshall Islands had been erroneously listed as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Qatar made a statement, in which he revised the text and announced that Armenia, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Malta, Portugal, Poland,

Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Albania, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Qatar.

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.37/Rev.1

The Committee had before it a revised draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico made a statement, in which he revised the text and announced that Armenia, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Monaco, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Switzerland, the United States of America and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Angola, Bolivia, El Salvador, Iceland and New Zealand also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.56/Rev.2 and amendment thereto contained in document A/C.3/60/L.71

The Committee had before it a revised draft resolution.

The Secretary read out an oral statement of financial implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of Norway orally revised the text and announced that Bulgaria and Peru had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Brazil, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Timor-Leste and Togo also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Amendment contained in document A/C.3/60/L.71

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement and withdrew the amendment.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of India and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [71 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.51

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) made further oral revisions to the draft resolution and announced that Australia, Andorra, Bulgaria, Liechtenstein, Norway, Palau, Serbia and Montenegro and Switzerland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Iceland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non Aligned-Movement), Cuba, Turkmenistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Myanmar made statements.

The representative of Uzbekistan made a statement and moved for the adjournment of the debate under rule 116 of the rules of procedure.

Statements in favour were made by the representatives of Belarus and China; statements against the motion were made by the representatives of Canada and the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union).

The motion was rejected, by a recorded vote of 75 to 65, with 28 abstentions.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution, as a whole.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Belarus, Barbados, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Sudan, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.51, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 73 to 38, with 58 abstentions.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

26th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba, Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and India.

The Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, following the adjournment of the formal, meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Najib Elji (Syrian Arab Republic).

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 22 November 2005

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

52nd meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights . . . . . [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft general comment on article 6 of the Covenant (the right to work).

Adoption of the report . . . . . [9]

The Committee adopted its annual report on the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions.

53rd meeting (closed)

Consideration of reports . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered its draft concluding observations on the initial report of Uzbekistan (E/1990/5/Add.63).

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

687th meeting

The Committee heard the replies from the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Committee then discussed the concluding observations on Nepal, in closed session.

688th meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Nepal and Ecuador.

The Committee then discussed the concluding observations on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Objection to the reservations made by Mauritania upon accession: Portugal (21 November 2005)[1]

Objection to the reservations made by Mauritania upon accession: Poland (22 November 2005)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. New York, 9 December 1948

Accession: United Arab Emirates (11 November 2005)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

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Screening of the film "Raising Their Voices: The Story of the Sinikithemba Choir"; followed by a panel discussion (organized by the Joint United Nations Porgramme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on the occasion of World AIDS Day)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsköld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Asif Husain-Naviatti (tel. 1 (212) 824-6610; e-mail husainnaviattia@unaids.org).]

Launch of the book entitled "Cowardly Lions: Missed Opportunities to Prevent Deadly Conflict and State Collapse" (organized by the UNA-Haiti, in collaboration with the Department of Political Affairs)

Monday, 28 November 2005, at 5.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Liza Pullman, UNA-Haiti (tel. 1 (212) 867-4360; e-mail unahaiti@popphonebox.com).]

Screening of the film "Route 181", on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People)

From Tuesday, 29 November, to Thursday, 1 December 2005, at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Better offices: Bolstering United Nations Peacemaking" (organized by the Department of Political Affairs, in follow-up to the decision of the 2005 World Summit to strengthen the Secretary-General's "good offices" capabilities for preventing and resolving armed conflict)

Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 3.30 to 5.50 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jared Kotler (e-mail kotler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5264).]

Panel discussion on "Human trafficking"; and ceremony appointing a UNODC Goodwill Ambassador (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in collaboration with Vital Voices Global Partnership, on the occasion of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery)

Friday, 2 December 2005, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; fax 1 (212) 963-4581).]

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bahamas
H.E. Ms. Paulette A. Bethel

Western European and other States:
Belgium
H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 November 2005.

Symbol	*Main title*
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A/60/447	Items 13, 18, 21, 22, 43, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 64, 68, 73 and 108 — The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) — The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti — Culture of peace — Macroeconomic policy questions — Sustainable development — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) — Globalization and interdependence — Groups of countries in special situations — Advancement of women — Indigenous issues — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 21 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/60/452	Item 86 — Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/453	Item 87 — Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/454	Item 88 — Question of Antarctica — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
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A/60/L.25	Item 81 — Report of the International Criminal Court — 82-Power draft resolution — [A C E F R S]
A/60/L.26	Item 120 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — 166-Power draft resolution — Enhancing capacity-building in global public health [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
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A/C.3/60/L.44/Rev.1	Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 58-Power revised draft resolution — Human rights mainstreaming in the United Nations system [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/60/L.56/Rev.2	Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 66-Power revised draft resolution — Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/60/L.57/Rev.1	Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 32-Power revised draft resolution — Protection of migrants [A C E F R S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/60/L.8*	Reissued for technical reasons [F (only)]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2005/686	Letter dated 4 October 2005 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2005/724	Letter dated 10 November 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2005/727	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5307	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1639 (2005)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5307th meeting [A C E F R S]
	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
S/AC.44/2004/(02)/6/Add.2	Note verbale dated 9 November 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
First meeting

E/C.18/2005/5 Proposal for amendments to article 5 of the United Nations Model Double Taxatio Convention between Developed and Developing Countries [A C E F R S]

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